



MEDIA STATEMENT
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SOTASTREAM TO BEAM THE BEST OF WA'S MUSIC TALENT LIVE ONLINE THIS WA DAY

SOTA is back to thrill Western Australian music lovers for another electrifying year, celebrating the State's incredible music scene. The 2020 festival will look a little different, with a socially distant and renamed concert, SOTAstream, beamed live on Facebook across WA on Monday, 1 June.

From 2–8pm the FREE online concert, co-presented by WAM and featuring a dizzying line up of local talent, will be streamed from live music mecca Freo.Social to living rooms and back yards around the state, allowing people from Kununurra to Albany and everywhere in-between to get a front row seat to the hottest event on WA Day.

With venues forced to close and artists unable to perform due to COVID-19, this year's event is a welcome opportunity for some of WA's most recognisable music exports to get back performing in front of crowds, albeit separated by a screen.

Thousands of Western Australians are expected to tune in to the online-only concert, allowing people to enjoy live music and celebrate WA Day together in the comfort of their homes.

The line-up stars outstanding fan favourites, in alphabetical order:

Abbe May

Carla Geneve

Drapht

Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse

Methyl Ethel

Psychedelic Porn Crumpets

San Cisco

From rare Noongar language music and classic rock to feel good pop, SOTAstream will be a sensational array of music styles with something everyone can enjoy.

Doom pop award-winning songstress **Abbe May** is back to rock the digital stage with her soul-gospel-electro-blueez style, including tunes from her forthcoming album 'Red Flag'.

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Last year's four-time WAMI award-winner **Carla Geneve** has gone from strength to strength in recent years, supporting the likes of Cold Chisel at their 2019 New Years Eve concert. Get ready for her folk-rock sounds to shine as she performs her recently released 'Don't Wanna Be Your Lover'.

Hip-hop royalty **Drapht** is set to tear up SOTA for another year with his masterful lyrics and high-energy beats. The multi-ARIA award winning artist is performing off the back of a sold-out regional Western Australian tour in mid-2019, and will be right at home performing to audiences state-wide.

Incandescent vocals, guitar brilliance and a celebration of the Noongar language are the signatures of much-loved **Gina Williams** and **Guy Ghouse**. Influenced by the four principles of Koort (Heart), Moort (Family and Community), Boodja (Land) and Koorlangka (Children and Legacy) SOTAstreamers will be treated to a performance they won't forget.

Methyl Ethyl will bring the dreamy, pop-rock vibes to SOTAstream in 2020, fresh off the release of their latest EP Hurts to Laugh. The band have gone from strength to strength after breakthrough hit *Twilight Driving*, with a string of successful albums, and several national and international tours to their name.

Since forming in 2015, **Psychedelic Porn Crumpets** have gone from strength to strength selling out both of their national tours and supporting the likes of King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard, The Murlocs and Dune Rats. Get ready for some party punk killer tracks when Psychedelic Porn Crumpets hit the Facebook stream this WA Day!

Indie pop darlings **San Cisco** will also bring their effortless sound and feel-good vibes to SOTAstream, following the successful release of their fourth EP *Flaws* in March, and cementing themselves as fan favourites with a place in the hottest 100 of the decade.

SOTAstream is a collaboration derived from the desire to support, nurture and grow creative opportunities for local artists, and position contemporary music as a leading cultural identifier for WA. The popularity of the concert grows from year to year and the event is a significant feature on the WA music calendar and in 2020 certainly an important milestone for the National music scene.

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